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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean P. Skubitz
<b>Application No.:</b>	09/197278
<b>Filed:</b>	November 20, 1998
<b>For:</b>	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	3731

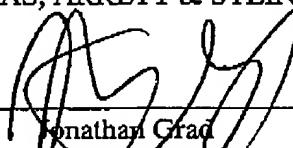
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## PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, hereby request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005. The petition fee of \$1,020.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,  
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